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Jap Bonbers Over S. E. Bengal

13 Enemy Aircraft Damaged In Combats

NEW DELHI, March 31.

Yesterday morning, a mixed force of abo 22 Japanese bombers and fighters attacked one of our forward landing grounds in South-east Bengal says an India Command Joint War communique. R.A.F. fighters intercepted the raiders and many combats took place. Full details are not yet available but of some 13 enemy aircraft at present reported damaged. It is probable that at least five would have been unable to regain their base. The bombs that were dropped caused only slight dame and a few casualties.

In Araka yesterday. Blenheims bombed Japanese positions at Regaunggyng about four miles east of Kyon. Other Blenheims attacked Rha where hits were observed in enemy occupied buildings.

From today's operations none of our airft is missing.—A. P.

ALTERATE LAMPS TO BE LIGHTED.

CALCUTT March 31: Only Alternate elec lamps will be lighted in Calcutta dng the "present abnormal tim"

This decn was taken by the Calcutta Coration to-day on the ground of k of sufficient materials to maintaill the lights.—A. P.

NEED FOR IMMEDIATE REINFORCEMENTS

CANBERRA, March 31.

Declarithat the question of immediate reinforcements for the Pacific m not be side-tracked, Sir Eagleige, former Australian Governm representative in London, i today: "The question is wher without serious impairme of European and Africa strey, the Japanese advance can not merely halted but turnanto a retreat. Today the numb of planes necessary to ensure thuccess of our military plans in Pacific is relatively small. eir diversion to the Pacific wd not prevent ultimate success in rope though it might lengthen t time before complete victory is tained."—Reuter

NOT YET 400 MILLIONS

NEW DELHI, March 31.

A Gazett of India extraordinary states The census of India was takenn the first March, 1941, and provisional figures for the provinces States and agencies have already been published. Owing to me urgent demands for printingnade on the Press, the publicati of the report and tables has been delayed and it has only nc been possible to issue them in their final form. The total pulation of India as finally ascerined is 388,997,955, viz., 295,808,7 for the provinces and 93,189,2 for states and agencies.—A.

ORISSA ASSEMBLY PROROGUED

CUTTACK, March 31.

After authenticated schedules had been authorised and supplementary and excess expditure laid on the table, the Orissa Assembly was prorogued this moring.—A. P.

DEPUTATION TO VICEROY ABANDONED

Leaders Refuse To Stage Command Performance

NEW DELHI, March 31.

It is understood that the proposed Sapru Conference Deputation to the Viceroy tomorrow has been abandoned, as the procedure suggested precluded personal discussion of the points which the Deputation wished to raise.

These points have been set out in a memorandum which has already been sent to the Viceroy, and it was proposed that the Deputation should read their memorandum and hear the Viceroy's reply thereto, and the proceedings should then terminate.

As this did not commend itself to the leaders who were to have met the Viceroy, the idea of the Deputation has been dropped. The Memorandum and the Viceroy's reply will probably be released for publication.

Some of the leaders who had agreed to join the deputation are leaving Delhi tomorrow morning.—A. P.

HERBERT INSTALS HIMSELF

CALCUTTA, March 31.

His Excellency the Governor of Bengal has brought into force the provisions of Section 93 of the Government of India Act 1935, and has taken upon himself the administration of the province, announces a communique from the Government House, Calcutta.—A. P.

"IMPERATIVE NECESSITY"

The "Communique" narrates events following the resignation of Mr. Fazlul Huq the Chief Minister, on 28th March and says that His Excellency found himself on the 31st March, with a Ministry and in a position where it was impossible to put through the Bengal Legislative Assembly the remaining demands for grants before the 1st April. The emergent action to secure supply before the date thus became an imperative necessity. His Excellency has had no choice but with the utmost reluctance, to bring into force the provisions of Section 93. Of the Government of India Act, 1935. He has, therefore, issued the necessary proclamation under that section and taken upon himself the administration of the province.

The "Communique" continues "His Excellency proposes as soon as he is satisfied that a stable and representative ministry is available which commands the confidence of the legislature and is willing to assume the responsibilities of office, to revoke the proclamation. It is true, the earnest desire of His Excellency that the emergency administration under Section 93, which was introduced primarily to resolve the difficulties relating to supply, should be replaced at the earliest possible moment by a regularly constituted ministry.—A.P.

NAZIS WARN FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS

STOCKHOLM:—Foreign correspondents in Berlin were informed on Wednesday night that they are strictly forbidden to send any messages regarding the bombing of Germany.—Reuter.

AROGYA MANDIR FOR RAJKOT

(From A Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, March 31.

The opening ceremony of Kaivalyadan Arogya Mandir was performed by the Thakore Saheb last evening. It is designed to popularise therapeutic Yogic exercises and the psycho-physical treatment of constipation, dispepsia and other diseases.

KHAN SAHIB'S REPLY TO USMAN

PESHAWAR, March 30.

Referring to Sir Muhammad Usman's recent utterance that "we are not suited for democracy" Dr. Khan Sahib, former Premier of the Frontier Province, addressing a public meeting in Peshawar this evening quoted the history of Islam and said that Islam stands for democracy. The whole Islamic code of political structure is based on democracy. Hazrat Hussain, martyr of Islam, sacrificed his entire family to fight for democracy.

Referring to Russia, Dr. Khan Sahib said that Hitlerite Germany could never defeat Russia. He urged the Pathans to aspire to such a system of Government as prevalent in the Soviet where complete equality existed.

JAP CONVOY ATTACKED

LONDON, March 31.

Allied headquarters south-west Pacific: To-day's allied "communique" states that the Japanese made an attempt to contact their troops in New Guinea by means of a fast convoy of destroyers. The convoy was attacked by heavy bombers off Finschhafen.

Direct hits were scored on the stern of a large destroyer which was severely damaged and probably sunk. The convoy immediately left the area at full speed northward.

Other bombers under longrange fighter cover pounded docks and waterfront at Finschhafen with heavy bombs starting many fires. Barges and boats as well as the harbour were also effectively machinegunned. It is believed that any Japanese attempt to deliver supplies failed.—Reuter.

African Cotton For India

NEW DELHI, March 31.

It is understood that a certain quantity of shipping space will be available in East African ports for the loading of East African Cotton in the next few days and that if it is not taken up at once it will be wasted, says a press note.

The Government of India have accordingly, arranged with the appropriate authorities that cotton awaiting shipment may be loaded in this particular space, preference being given to the old crop. The Government of India are arranging to obtain particulars of consignments so loaded and the necessary import licences will be issued to cover them before the arrival of the goods.—A. P.

Non-Muslim Minorities' Deputation To Britain?

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, March 31.

It is understood that a plan to send out a deputation of non-Muslim minorities to Britain to counteract Congress propaganda taking shape behind scenes under the blessing, it is said, of some highly placed gentlemen from Delhi.

It is yet to be decided under what camouflage this deputation will go out of India and what is to be its exact personnel.

FOOD POSITION IN CITY

BOMBAY, March 31.

After the introduction of Rationing, imports of foodgrains on private account into Bombay City will be permitted upto to a maximum of one month's requirements as disclosed by the ration card provided the ration card was produced for cancelling the appropriate number of units, declared Mr. H. F. Knight, Adviser to the Governor of Bombay presiding at a meeting of the Food Advisory Council held on Wednesday afternoon at Secretariat.

Mr. Knight also stated that the provision of residential and feeding arrangements for beggars and the constitution of a Commercial Advisory Panel with regard to godown accommodation were still under the consideration of Government.

After the chairman had reviewed generally the food position in the City, the Council considered the practical difficulties experienced by the public in connection with the receipt and registration of ration cards.

Next meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, April 16, at 6 p.m.—A. P.

NAZI OFFENSIVE ON UPPER DONETZ

LONDON, March 31.

Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow in this morning despatch says:—

Both the Russian and German armies are now fighting to secure new vantage points for the coming summer battles. As their advanced forces feel for weak spots in the German defences, the Russians are seeking to prepare five main places as nerve centres. These are Leningrad, Staraya Russa, Orel and the Donetz country.

The Germans are waging a special offensive on the upper [illegible] attacking day and night in the hope of breaking through. They are not making any headway however against Russian troops holding the river line.

Flare-up Southwest Of Vyazma

LONDON, March 31.

The German radio announced last night that very heavy fighting has flared up south-west of Vyazma where the Russians have launched a fierce attack under the cover of a heavy artillery barrage.

Roosevelt Discloses Pact With Eden Over Russia Issue

WASHINGTON, March 30.

President Roosevelt stated on Tuesday, "So far in all the conferences we have held with other members of the United Nations we are about 95 per cent together." He added that that was an amazing statement, but it happened to be true.

Referring to Mr. Eden's talks in Washington, President Roosevelt said that he expected that discussions along the same lines would be continued with the Russian Government in the very near future.

He and Mr. Eden were in clear agreement. They talked about everything which might be put down as current military and political affairs and questions arising from the war relating to the present and future.

Mr. Eden and he talked about the practical problems that would arise on the surrender of the enemy—problems that would face the United States, the United Kingdom, China, Russia, and all the other United Nations primarily in safegaurding the world from future aggression.

SABOTEUR GETS 6 MONTHS R. I.

NADIAD, March 31.

Mr. Narsidas Shaukerbhai Patel of Dimbasi who was committed to the Sessions on a charge of attempting to set fire to a school by splitting kerosene oil and damaging it, was sentenced by the Sessions Judge to six months' rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 50/-, or in default to undergo another one months' additional imprisonment.

Two Girls Arrested At Surat

SURAT, March 31.

Two girls were arrested to-day under the Defence of India Rules for taking out a procession in the afternoon from the Haripura area of the City.—A. P.

STOP PRESS

KISKA BOMBED

WASHINGTON, March 31: United States army bombers have attacked Japanese installations at Kiska in the Aleutian Islands, a Navy Department 'communique' announced to-day.—Reuter.

Dr. Gajjar Permitted To See Mahatma

BOMBAY Wednesday

The "United Press" learns that Dr. Gajjar, the well-known Pathologist of Bombay, has been permitted to see Mahatma Gandhi. Dr. Gajjar has already left for Poona this morning and will examine the Mahatma this afternoon.

It is further learnt that the report of Dr. Gajjar's examination will be placed before Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy who also left for Poona this morning.—

DR. ROY EXAMINES MRS. NAIDU

POONA, March 31: Dr. B. C. Roy arrived here from Bombay by car this morning. He proceeded to "Parnakuti" and examined Mrs. Sarojini Naidu.

Dr. Roy is returnng to Bombay in the evening.

In the course of a statement, Dr. Roy says, "To my knowledge, Mrs. Naidu has been ill for some years, but her indomitable will always triumphed over the weakness of her flesh, and she has been going about doing her usual strenuous duties. But a sudden attack of malignant malaria for two weeks has completely broken her down."

Dr. Roy requests friends and well-wishers to co-operate with the doctors and not make any demands upon Mrs. Naidu's strength during the next six months.—A. P. & U. P.

U. P. GOVT. BAN ON KHADI BHANDAR

LUCKNOW, March 31: The United Provinces Government have declared the Khaddar Bhandar or Gandhi Ashram situated in Bulanala, police station kotwali, Benares City, as a place used for the purposes of an unlawful association says a Government Gazette Extraordinary.—A. P.

Vijaya Laxmi's Daughter Released

ALLAHABAD, March 31.

Chandralekha Pandit, the daughter of Mrs. Vijaya Laxmi Pandit who was under detention in Naini Jail under the Defence of India Rules has been released.

The period of parole for Mrs. Pandit has been extended upto April 5.—A. P.

Convicted For Possession Of Prejudicial Reports

At the Mazgaon Police Court Mr. Jagannath Yeshwant Powaskar was fined Rs. 60 or in default two week's R. I. by Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate, on Tuesday, for having been found in possession of a prejudicial report on 30 October last at Masjid Bunder Railway Station.

A fine of Rs. 120 or in default one month's R. I. was awarded to Mr. Harilal Jagajiwandas Shah a student by the same Magistrate. He was arrested on January 26 (Independence Day) on the charge of being found in possession of Congress bulletins and Independence Day leaflets by the Kingsway Police on the Vincent Road, Dadar. Mr. Shah did not take part in the court proceedings.

A sentence of one month's R. I. was imposed on Mr. Dogra Babu Umanna Shetty, a Hotel Manager for pasting a prejudicial poster on a wall near Ferguson Bridge on February 24. Mr. Shetty pleaded "guilty".

BENEFIT OF DOUBT

The Magistrate gave the benefit of doubt to a student Mr. Gunavantlal L. Mehta and acquitted him. He was arrested on September 9 last by the Malharbouri Police on the charge of being a member of an "unlawful assembly" and of throwing stones at a B. E. S. T. Bus at Sandhurst Road.

Mr. Shantilal Jamnadas who was arrested on Monday on the charge of throwing Congress bulletins dated March 29 into the premises of a boarding house at Ranade Road, Dadar, was produced before the Magistrate who ordered him to be remanded to police custody till April 13 pending further inquiries.

Jail For Pulling Down Telegraph Posts

Out of nine persons who were arrested on September 9, being found pulling down Telegraph Posts, Pundalik Nathuram was acquitted and the rest were found guilty and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment and fines.

Mr. Munsiff, Police Prosecutor stated that he was instructed to invite His Worship's attention to the amendment of punishment of whipping. Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate, said: "Are you inviting my attention to the provisions of law or do you intend to give instructions: You must know that I am expected to know all the provisions under the said sections"?

Police Prosecutor: "I was only instructed to invite your attention to the provisions as an alternative punishment.

An Advocate reminded the Court that already the accused had undergone punishment in the police custody.

Accordingly eight persons were sentenced as follows: Jaiwant Laxman a student and Monohar Gangadhar were sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 150 or in default four weeks' rigorous imprisonment.

Mulji Raoji Wasa Garu Shetty and Sena Rupe Shetty were sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

Jairam Sakharam, a Goldsmith, Jagannath Kaloo and Harischandra Laxman were sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 120 or in default one month's further rigorous imprisonment.

GULL'S TALKS WITH LITVINOV

WASHINGTON March 31

M. Litvinov conferred to-day with Mr. Cordell Hull on matters arising out of Mr. Eden's visit.—Reuter.

Allies Capture Oudref And Sedjenane

Eighth Army's Advance To North Of Gabes Continues

LONDON, March 31.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS NORTH AFRICA:—TO-DAY'S 'COMMUNIQUE' ANNOUNCES THE CAPTURE OF OUDREF AND SEDJENANE.

ROME:—To-day's "communique" says that the enemy yesterday maintained his pressure on the Tunisian front, launching violent new attacks. The "communique" concludes "American planes dropped bombs and machine-gunned Crotone and Catanzaco, South Italy."—Reuter.

ADVANCE NORTH OF GABES

The Algiers radio said today the Eighth Army is continuing its victorious advance to the north of Gabes. Allied troops in the Tunisia area are advancing in all sectors.

LONDON:—The Swiss radio says that an ammunition depot in Naples blew up on Sunday afternoon and that 72 people were killed and 1,160 injured.

NAZI RETREAT

Reuter's special correspondent with the American forces near El Guettar, southern Tunisia writes: There are plenty of indications that the Germans are retreating to the north-east. A truck concentration pushing through the pass east of Djebel Chemsi and north of the El Guettar-Gabes road suffered heavy damage when Allied planes swpt over and bombed it thoroughly. General Paton's American forces advancing from El Guettar have reached the junction of the road to Gabes with that to Kebli across Shott El Fejej yesterday afternoon after the infantry had mopped up the ridges. This has brought them to within sixty miles of Gabes

No Landing At Sfax

The report broadcast by the Algiers' radio that a British naval party has been landed at Sfax is entirely discredited in London.

RETREATING NAZIS SHELLED

LONDON, March 31.

The Algiers radio announces that the British Navy is shelling the retreating Germans along the coast north of Gabes.—Reuter.

DARLAN'S "MESSAGE TO AMERICA"

Admiral Darlan's statement on the North African situation cabled from Algiers a few days before he was assassinated is published to-day in the magazine "Cosmopolitan". In a "message to America" sent to the Magazine Admiral Darlan declared that in getting Hitler to sign an armistice, France at least had succeeded in making him commit the first and possibly the most serious of his military blunders. Admiral Darlan said: "I sincerely believe that but for the Armistice, Axis troops would immediately have proceeded to occupy North Africa and other French possessions such as Dakar whence it would have been difficult to dislodge them."

CONFIDENCE IN GIRAUD

Later in the message, Admiral Darlan, wrote: I have entrusted to General Giraud, that glorious soldier whom the Germans fear so much, that they put a price upon his head, the Supreme Command of the armies that will take part in this struggle (against Axis powers). I have no personal ambition other than to contribute to victory with all my strength and all the strength of France."

PRICES OF 'CHRONICLE' AND 'CHRONICLE WEEKLY'

The price of the "Bombay Chronicle" will from to-day be 2 annas per copy. The price of the "Bombay Chronicle Weekly" will be raised to 4 annas per copy. These increases have been made as a result of the new Order issued by the Government of India amending the existing News paper Control Order, further regulating the size and price of newspapers. Under this new Order the quota of pages for one week for the "Bombay Chronicle" at the price of annas 2 will be 28 and each issue of the "Bombay Chronicle Weekly" at the price of annas four will contain 16 pages.

A. I. Kisan Conference

AMRITSAR, March 31: Mr. Namodhari Pad, M. L. A. (Madras) Mr. Indulal and Dr. Adhikari of Bombay communist leaders, arrived here to-day in connection with the All-India Kisan Conference to be held in Bhalwan, about 14 miles from Amritsar on April 2.

The President Elect Mr. Bankim Mukerji and Swami Sehjanand arrived yesterday.—A. P

Jap Hold In Occupied China

HYDERABAD (Dn.), March 30.

The Chinese Ministry of Education ran educational institutions even in so-called Japanese occupied China, said Doctor Ku, Leader of the Chinese Educational and Cultural Mission to India at a press conference.

Japanese hold in occupied China, Dr. Ku explained, did not extend beyond vital communication lines. Even these lines were crossed often by Chinese officials.—A. P.

POST-WAR FOOD PROBLEMS CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, March 31.

The thirty-eight nations invited to a conference with United States on post-war food problems opening on April 27, announces the State Department include Russia, China and India.—Reuter.

LONDON, March 31.

Ten Chinese soldiers are dying of dysentery of malaria for every one dying of wounds, declared Labour Member Mr. F. S Cocks in the House of Commons today.

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—TILAK.

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PROVOCATIVE DEBATE

The latest debate in the House of Commons equals the White Paper on the Congress in blackguarding that body and Gandhiji in particular through all sorts of misrepresentations and falsehoods. But perhaps it excels past debates in the hypocrisy of some of its outstanding speeches in the attempt to justify the absence of any constructive effort to end the deadlock. It is unnecessary to waste more ink on the question of responsibility for the disturbances. But a word may be said about Mr. Attlee's remark that those who seek power through the bomb and the revolver are apt to find it very difficult to get rid of the bomb and the revolver afterwards. This is profoundly true and for that very reason Gandhiji has laboured all these twenty years and more to end the cult of the bomb. And he has achieved more success than anybody else in checking the spread of that cult. Its revival now is due, not to him, but to his being jailed and gagged.

As regards the more important question of exploring whatever possibilities there may still be of a settlement, there is much in the debate to queer the pitch against any such attempt and it is not surprising that Mr. Rajagopalachariar and others have decided not to meet the Viceroy who has prescribed for them the amazingly arrogant and discourteous procedure of reading their memorandum and hearing his reply. It is true that Mr. Amery has repeated his parrot cry that "it is for Indians themselves to discover a way out" through a settlement between the important parties. But the most important party is in jail and, anticipating the forthcoming deputation to the Viceroy, Mr. Amery says it is "difficult, indeed dangerous, to consider any concessions for Mr. Gandhi in the absence of the most explicit assurances and effective guarantees of a complete change of attitude" among the Congress leaders. As regards the it would be even more interest-

other two important parties, the Muslim League and the Hindu Mahasabha, Mr. Amery's contribution to a settlement between the two is his characterictic remark: "The differences were far too deep and far too sincerely held. It was no use blaming the leaders. Mr. Jinnah, on one side, and the Mahasabha leaders, on the other, to take two extreme views, were each contending for what they believed to be vital principles and in their present mood could find no compromise." The most pitiable part of it is that both Mr. Jinnah and Mr. Savarkar may succumb to the tactics and hail the remark as being cent per cent true.

Mr. Attlee was at great pains to reconcile the Government's determination not to accept any settlement except on their own terms with the promise made to India of democratic self-government. "Mere majority rule", he safely reminds us, "does not give you democracy in a country which is not homogeneous. Democracy can only work if there is due regard to the rights of minorities and one must remember that India is an enormous country full of great varieties of people who hold their views with tenacity and vigour. Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Parsis, high castes, low castes, outcastes—all those people have their feelings." Mr. Attlee inadvertently omitted the Princes and the Zamindars, the Indian Christians, the Anglo-Indians, European commercial interests, etc., etc. His theory evidently is that till leaders of all these majority and minority elements come to a settlement, foreign bureaucracy must be imposed upon majority and minorities alike. The debate on the whole gives us the impression that Government do not want any settlement on the basis of a transfer of power during the war. Towards the end of his reply to the debate Mr. Attlee remarked that men like Pandit Nehru and Mr. C. Rajagopalachari are real democrats and could help to bring about a change in the attitude of Congress. It is an unkind joke, considering that the former is still in jail and the latter is not allowed to see Gandhiji or any of the Working Committee members to discuss the present situation with them.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Rommel In Flight

When we wrote yesterday on the Mareth victory, vanguards of the British Eighth Army had, it now transpires, already captured Gabes. Evidently Field Marshal Rommel is running hard, as hard as he did from El Alamein. But he has not escaped yet. Apart from the concentrated hammering to which his retreating columns are being subjected by Allied aircraft, the Eigth Army is hot on his heels while Americans in Central Tunisia are rushing eastwards in a number of columns to cut off the Axis retreat. But the most interesting development is that contained in a report which, though unconfirmed, has been put out by Algiers radio itself. It is to the effect that British naval forces have already landed at Sfax, the next important port on the line of Rommel's retreat, some seventy miles north of Gabes. If the report is true and if the port can be held with the help of the Americans who have been advancing upon it from the west, Rommel and his Afrika Korps are doomed.

Shipping Situation

At a Guildhall meeting Mr. A. V. Alexander dealing with the U-boat war, which Germans are at present conducting with all their might, gave some very good news about the situation. Apart from "very heavy losses inflicted on U-boats, new tonnage produced by the Allies in the last eight months has exceeded losses by "a good deal over 2,000,000 tons." This is a satisfactory enough balance and is bound to improve appreably with increase in production and for the all-round intensification of the campaign against U-boats. What is more, if the Allies eject the Axis from Tunisia by the end of April there will be as a result of opening the Mediterranean route a saving and, therefore, a net gain of another 250,000 tons of shipping space a month. Then will disappear what genuineness there still is in the excuse that the U-boat danger should be more thoroughly mastered before launching an invasion of Europe.

Another Jap Failure

Forced by necessity as well as the disastrous experiences of their previous convoys, the Japanese sought to send supplies and reinforcements to their garrisons in north-eastern New Guinea. The attempt has again failed. This time the carriers of the supplies were fast moving destroyers not merchantships but they fled at the very first attack by American bombers which accounted for at least one of them. It shows that earlier disasters have somewhat demoralised the Jap navy. The fact that fast destroyers were used underlies the gravity of the supply situation in Salamaua and Lae. The plight of these Japanese bases has been growing worse steadily for the last two months and is quite probably not much better now than that of Buna immediately before its reduction.

Roosevelt's Statement

President Roosevelt's statement that members of the United Nations are about 95 per cent. together is interesting, although ing to know something about the remaining 5 per cent. We welcome his announcement regarding forthcoming talks with Russia. The problem of Anglo-American relations with Russia has got into such dangerous confusion that it urgently needs satisfactory clarification. The President, we notice, referred to the conversations with Mr. Eden and declared that they were "in clear agreement." But he was tantalisingly vague as to details. This is disappointing, because we were particularly curious to know whether there was also clear agreement as regards the meaning and application of the Atlantic Charter.

Inadequate Relief

As a result of first hand inquiries made by Mr. A. V. Thakkar, Chairman of the Bijapur Famine Relief Committee, in the various famine-stricken areas of the district, it has been found that the relief activities of Government are yet far from adequate. Relief work is not on a large enough scale, so that only a few people get work. The wages paid on all the P.W.D. works are very low and there is said to be a great shortage of tools as a consequence of which many people are refused employment on relief works. No hutting arrangements are made on relief works although persons employed come from distant villages. Government have not so far opened grain shops on relief works for the benefit of labourers. Delays in such a case are dangerous and it is safer to err on the side of generosity than of undue economy. The authorities concerned should bestir themselves before it is too late.

AMERY QUOTES "GREY EMINENCE"

"Post-Dated Cheque On Falling Bank"

The following are amplified extracts from the speech of Mr. Amery during the Commons debate on India:—

The particular character and methods of the Congress Party have largely been shaped by a single man Mr. Gandhi. I shall not attempt here to assess the qualities of the remarkable and enigmatic personality. Many members have no doubt read the recent book "Grey Eminence" in which Aldous Huxley describes the combination in one person, Father Joseph, De Tramblay, of a devout mystic with an unscrupulous political adviser who helped Cardinal Richelieu to keep Europe distracted by a generation of disastrous war.

PERMANENT SUPER PRESIDENT

It is enough for me to say that Mr. Gandhi's peculiar appeal to the Hindu veneration for the ascetic helped to make him the unquestioned dictator—"a permanent super-president", to use Pandit Nehru's description.

By far the largest, best financed and most rigidly drilled party organisation in India, in the provincial elections of 1937, the Congress Party secured 711 out of 1585 seats. This was less than a majority even in British India. But it was enough to give the party an absolute majority in five provinces and control in three others. This unexpected result would seem to have intoxicated the Congress Party leaders with a sense of new-found power, overriding and ignoring the growing opposition of the opposition which they [illegible] up in India itself they persuaded themselves that they and they alone represented India. Only a relatively small [illegible] it seemed to them, was still [illegible] displace British rule at the Centre and for the Congress party to use Mr. Gandhi's own phrase, to "take delivery". The immense [illegible] of war came as a shock not only to Mr. Gandhi's sincere Pacificism but to those dreams of early power.

CRIPPS ON THE

The vast Congress demands [illegible] of the immediate setting up of a National Government with full Cabinet powers. It was an attempt to snatch that power. Sir S. Cripps was bound to reject it for acceptance would have wrecked all prospect of agreement with the minorities. There was however another and at the moment perhaps even a stronger reason for the rejection. What was that moment? It was the moment of our worst defeat in the East. The Cripps Mission was announced by the Prime Minister on March 21, three days after the fall of Rangoon. While negotiations were in progress the Japanese were advancing rapidly. Not only Ceylon but India's coastal ports suffered bombing raids which looked like the harbingers of far worse to come on the [illegible] cities of eastern India. It never occurred to us here that there was any connection between the event and the sending out of Sir S. Cripps.

"POST-DATED CHEQUE ON FALLING BANK"

For Mr. Gandhi the connection would seem to have been only too obvious. In his eyes the Cripps mission was the hoisting of a distress signal—a belated appeal to the Congress to commit itself to a war policy which could only help to bring upon India the horrors of invasion.

Our offer was to him nothing more than—I quote his own words—"a post-dated cheque on a falling bank."

During the week that followed the rejection of our proposal a week of continuous reverses in Burma, Mr. Gandhi concentrated all his efforts on a campaign by which the British Government in India was to be forced to quit India and hand over the control of the continent to such a Government as might or might not emerge or abandon it to anarchy. How far he really believed the Government of India could be forced to surrender in view of the precariousness of the military situation or how far he was mainly concerned with reinsuring the Congress with victorious Japanese invaders it is impossible to say.

THE WHITE PAPER

The House will have read in the White Paper Mr. Gandhi's original draft resolution of last April which began with the conclusion, 'Britain is incapable of defending India' and Free India's first step would probably be to negotiate with Japan.

It will also have followed the successive stages by which the original resolution was modified in deference to those elements like Pandit Nehru who were not only committed by their sincerely expressed past utterances to sympathy with China and Russia but were more alive to the desirability of conciliating opinion here and in the United States.

With the one exception, however, of Mr. Rajagopalachari, whose earnest and prophetic letter of appeal to Mr. Gandhi, I hope, has been read by every member, the doubting members of the Working Committee seem to have been content with the facade of the resolution.

NO "ILLUSION" LEFT

If there are members who having studied the White Paper can still believe that a really non-violent movement of national protest was all that was ever intended or that Mr Gandhi cannot have any illusions as to the nature of the conflagration which he was determined to spread all over India I have really nothing to say to them nor is there anything I can say to those who are still prepared to argue that a concentrated and skilled attack upon vital sectors of strategical communications and upon all Government buildings associated as they were both physically and in public estimate with the Congress party, were merely a spontaneous manifestation of public indignation at the arrest of popular political leaders.

MILITARISATION OF ITALY

LONDON, March 31.

The German radio said today "new Italian Law has come into force since yesterday which regulates the militarisation of Italy. In the event of complete or partial mobilisation of the country all citizens not under arms will be assigned to military units and will be given military status.—Reuter.

Charge-Sheet Against Herbert

BENGAL PROTESTS AGAINST ADVISERS' RAJ & DEMANDS RECALL OF GOVERNOR

CALCUTTA, March 31: While "sharing with all sections of public opinion the indignation the Governor's wholly arbitrary act of forcing resignation on the Huq Ministry", and maintaining "that bureaucracy by this unconstitutional act has sought to prevent the coming together of the various parties", the Calcutta Women's Self-Defence Committee have appealed to-day to all parties to come forward and take the initiative to bring about a truly All-Parties Government in Bengal.

The Committee in their statement observe that mere condemnation of "this bureaucratic action is not enough. To-day, the urgent task is to frustrate its plan and defeat its objective.

It is only by the unity of the Congress and the Muslim League that this can be achieved, and they must lose no time in coming together, and setting aside their minor differences. Unless these two major parties come forward hand in hand with the other parties and give a positive lead towards forming an All-Parties Government in Bengal, there cannot be any satisfactory solution of this crisis."

After referring to the present food crisis and demanding its immediate solution, the Committee "vehemently" protest against introduction of Section 93 of the Government of India Act, "especially at this time when the Japanese menace to the province is in no wise abated."

They urge upon His Excellency to take such steps as will lead to the formation of an All-Parties Government so that national and domestic problems might receive the attention they deserve.—A. P.

Herbert Must Go

CALCUTTA, March 30.

A resolution condemning the "unconstitutional act of the Governor of the Province in forcing Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq to resign his office as Chief Minister of Bengal when the Assembly was in session and when three previous divisions on cut motions had established the fact that he had a clear majority behind him", was adopted at a public meeting held this evening at Sraddhananda Park under the presidentship of Dr. S. P. Mookerjee.

The meeting expressed the opinion that "attempts which are being made to sabotage the constitution should be resisted" and it recalled in this connection "the fact that since the new coalition Government came into existence in December 1941, this Province has enjoyed an era of communal peace and harmony which it had not known during the previous four and a half years."

MINISTERS' ADVICE IGNORED

By another resolution the meeting recalled that Sir John Herbert tried his best to prevent the present coalition Government being formed in December 1941 since when he had been systematically interfering with the work and ignoring the advice of his Ministers and has over-ridden resolutions passed by the Legislative Assembly asking for appointment of committees of enquiry into the excesses alleged to have been committed at Dacca and Midnapore."

The meeting, therefore expressed the opinion that "in the best interest of the province, Sir John Herbert should remain no longer in office as Governor of Bengal."—A.P.

Governor To Re-Summon Huq?

Further discussion as to the constitutional and legal position whether the seven colleagues of the ex-Chief Minister continued to be Ministers or not took place at Government House this morning, it is learned from parliamentary circles.

Mr. Santosh Kumar Basu, Mr. Pramathanath Banerji, Mr. Upendranath Burman, the Nawab Bahadur of Dacca, Mr. Hashemali Khan and Mr. Abdul Karim had another interview with the Governor of Bengal, after Mr. Fazlul Huq had come out of Government House, lasting for forty-five minutes.

It is learned that His Excellency intimated that Sir Nazimuddin had not yet received commission for forming a Ministry on broad basis as envisaged by the ex-Chief Minister. The Government, it is also learnt, expressed confidence in the Ministers and asked for their resignation in a spirit of co-operation to facilitate the formation of a Government with representatives of as many parties as possible at the earliest possible opportunity, and thus resolve the present 'impasse'.

It is understood that a suggestion was put forward that the Governor might resummon Mr. Fazlul Huq to act as Chief Minister as before, and the solution for the present difficult constitutional position might be found by passing the Budget through an Ordinance.

After the interview with the Governor the colleagues of Mr. Fazlul Huq held a conference among themselves.—United Press

Three Ministers Resign

Three members of the Fazlul Ministry are understood to have submitted formal resignations of their Ministerships to H. E. the Governor, to-day.

Khan Bahadur Abdul Karim (Minister for Education) and Khan Bahadur Hashem Ali Khan (Minister for Co-operative and Rural Indebtedness) have submitted a joint letter of resignation. Mr. Upendranath Burman, Minister for Excise and Forests, is the third Minister to resign.

These resignations were, it is learnt, preceded by consultations among all the Ministers. Other Ministers are stated to have taken the view that the Chief Minister's resignation involved the dissolution of the Council of Ministers and that the tendering of resignations by them was not constitutionally necessary. They were no longer in office and had ceased to function as Ministers. They are understood to have addressed a letter to His Excellency setting out their position. Khan Bahadur Hashem Ali Khan has signed this letter also.—A.P.

SIR JOHN COLVILLE ON TASKS THAT HAVE TO BE PERFORMED BEFORE WAR IS WON

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

His Excellency the Governor in the course of his address to the Chamber of Commerce to-day, said:

"I am not so sanguine as to anticipate that the five years upon which I have just embarked are going to be roses all the way. You have said, Mr. President, that [illegible] the prosperity which business here is at present enjoying [illegible] its thorny side.

I have other reasons as well for not having any illusions about the difficulties which will face us during the five years which lie ahead. This war has still got to be won, and I have no doubt whatever that we are in for a very tough time indeed before we achieve the unconditional surrender of Germany, Italy and Japan, which is the declared resolve of the United Nations.

These are some of the tasks to be performed before victory is won. From every one they demand the utmost support which he can give to the war effort, and an inflexible determination to see this business right through to the end, which is the unconditional surrender of the Axis.

Mr. J. M. B. Gibbons, President of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, presiding at its annual meeting held this morning took up the cudgels in defence of British merchants in the East.

Criticism made in England that English merchants in the East had merely settled down to the business of making money was he said based on ignorance. More than half the merchants according to him had been conscripted and those left behind had been engaged in jobs closely connected with the war effort. Their record in this war challenged comparison with any.

Mr. Gibbons remarked that British merchants in India wanted no special treatment or privileges save those that ability, enterprise and fair dealing always commanded under India's independent Constitution."

Concluding he said "Many of us have been by no means appalled at the suggestion that seems fairly current now that India's sterling balances might be employed for the purpose of buying out English-owned investments in India.

COLVILLE'S FIRST PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

BOMBAY, March 31.

The Governor of Bombay will be fulfilling one of his first public engagements to-morrow morning when he takes the salute at a parade of the Indian Air Force in commemoration of its tenth anniversary.—A. P.

Message From Sir Rustom Masani

The following are extracts from Sir R. P. Masani's message for the tenth anniversary of the Indian Air Force:—

To-day, when the whole of India celebrates the tenth Anniversary of the Indian Air Force, the National War Front, Bombay rejoices to join in the national salute and sends a special greeting to every member of the Force. Intensely proud as we are of the brave sons of India who have courageously given themselves in thousands the service of the country and who are now fighting by the side of the United Nations to uphold the cause of human freedom and civilization, we assure our gallant airmen on this auspicious occasion that we follow their career with the greatest admiration and wish to send to all of them this special message of grateful appreciation.

"R. A. F. Your Elder Brother"

NEW DELHI, March 31.

In a broadcast given to-night from Delhi, the Air Officer Commanding in Chief, the Air Forces in India addressed to men of the Indian Air Force on the eve of the tenth birthday of the force and said:—

"I say to you, young men of the Indian Air Force, look upon the Royal Air Force as your elder brother, and as an elder brother I can tell you that we are already proud to have you standing beside us sharing the burden, proud to see you building up a service and a tradition worthy of your great country. But remember, the burden is not just one of to-day and to-morrow.—A. P.

'DAILY HERALD' ON AMERY'S ATTITUDE

(From Our Own Correspondent)

LONDON, March 30.

Apropos of the Commons Debate, "The Daily Herald," under the heading "Indian Hope Trick" writes editorially, "When the word India is pronounced in the hearing of a British statesman, his natural reaction is not to beam with pride but pucker uncomfortably. His first thought is not of the positive contribution which India is making towards war effort. He thinks of deep political differences and disturbances and the constantly uneasy relationship which makes India not as the advertised jewel but a thorn in the British crown.

"We pray, Mr. Amery, in his Commons statement set aside for once the mood of self-righteousness which marked so many of his utterances. Though a diehard, he is after all an intelligent man and should be able to anticipate the effects of his words. Nevertheless, he persisted in adopting an attitude which irritates Indians.

Since the rejection of the Cripps Proposals. Mr. Amery has returned in his speeches to a monotonous blend of pious hope and aloofness which characterised them before Sir S Cripps went to India the "Daily Herald" says as an exponent of the Indian Hope Trick, Mr. Amery is masterly but as an initiator, a leader, a man of determination, his record is drab indeed. If he takes initiative but fails, he won't be blamed. He is blamed only for not trying.

"The Daily Herald" says: "In view of the pressure on Parliament's time are Mr. Amery's speeches really necessary? His speech yesterday was a wearisome repetition of several which he has made within the past three years. Instead of dilating at length on these timeworn themes Mr. Amery, we suggest, should simply announce to the House.

'My policy continues to be founded on the philosophies of Dr. Doolittle and Dr. Barnado.'

'Ten Years Old'

(The Indian Air Force)

By D. F. KARAKA

Whoever or whatever department is responsible for the publication of the pamphlet on the Indian Air Force entitled "Ten Years Old" has not done his job well. The pamphlet is published on 30 pages of de luxe paper on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of our Air Force. Even a college magazine edited by juveniles would have produced something better on an occasion which one had hoped would thrill every young Indian and urged him to join this budding little Air Force of ours. Why don't they say nothing about these fine young men who have really done something in this war in Burma, in the Battle of Britain and elsewhere, rather than write this wishy-washy account of their doings which paints them as over-grown schoolboys rather than as a fighting force in World War II?

In the chapter headed "West Coast Defence," I read:

"Other young men, both Indian and English, who served with the flight at various times were Tyabjee, of the well-known Bombay Mahomedan family, Noshir Gazdar, well-known among the Parsi community, Wilfrid Russell, who before the war was a member of the Bombay Legislative Assembly, Atmaram from the Maharashtra and Robey Johnson who before the war had been a London school master with a predilection for mountaineering in the Himalayas."

What do you think this is—an account of our Air Force or a social column? What do you want to tell the young men of India? Do you want to paint the Air Force as a social register or as the forging house of Indian manhood?

I looked and looked in vain for a single paragraph in those thirty art-paper pages which would thrill me, but I was bitterly disappointed. It was just one of those unemotional lifeless emanations from one of those departments handling this type of stuff.

Only a week ago I had picked up the British Ministry of Informations booklet on "The Ark Royal." Now there was a real story and I read from cover to cover and felt thrilled by every moment of it. The "Ark Royal" sank but this pamphlet has made it immortal. By contrast I felt that a great injustice will be done to our great little Air Force if they continue to publish things like "Ten Years Old."

COMPENSATION FOR WAR INJURIES

New Bill To Protect Workmen

NEW DELHI, March 31.

At question-time in the Central Assembly to-day, Sir Sultan Ahmed, Leader of the House, replying to Mr. C. Neogy, informed the House that new India planning groups about 100 of which had already been formed, were discussing post-war economic, fiscal and financial problems of the country.

FOOD STANDING COMMITTEE

Sir Sultan Ahmed, leader of the House announced that Government had accepted the suggestion that the Standing Committee of the Legislature for the Commerce Department should also perform the functions of the Standing Committee of the Food Department, as there was no time to constitute an elected committee this session.

The Central Assembly passed the Bill further to amend the Trade Marks Act, the Government accepting two amendments moved by Mr. Chapman-Mortimer, proposing the establishment of a branch of the trade marks registry at Calcutta for the purpose of facilitating the registration of trade marks.

SPECIAL PROTECTION TO WORKMEN

The House agreed to Dr. Ambedkar's motion to refer to a Select Committee his Bill to impose on employers a liability to pay compensation to workmen sustaining war injuries and to provide for the insurance of employers against such liability.

During the debate Mr. Miller (European Group) argued that the Bill favoured certain workmen, as against the ordinary citizens, giving these workmen more than double the compensation payable to others under the War Injuries Scheme.

Messrs. Hossainbhai Laljee and P. N. Banerji welcomed the motion.

Mr. N. M. Joshi said no justification was required for the so-called "discrimination" referred to by Mr. Miller, as workmen had to stay and work in the factory under great risks, and as such had every right to be fully compensated. He wished that the Bill provided for compensation to all classes of workmen, and especially, the Assam Plantation labourers and seamen.

Dr. Ambedkar, explained that the Bill contained provision for extending when necessary the benefits of the scheme to other classes of workmen.

According to his information, Assam Plantations were not exposed centres at present, but should they become exposed centres, Government would consider steps to bring Assam labour within the scheme.

DELHI UNIVERSITY REFORM

The House took up the debate on a motion moved by Mr. J. Tyson, Secretary, Education, Health and Lands, to refer to a Select Committee his Bill to amend the Delhi University Act, order, inter alia, to introduce a three year degree course and a year to the High School Course and also to have a paid Vice-Chancellor.

"DRASTIC AND REACTIONARY"

Mr. Navalrai Mehta (circulation till July 1st 1943, characterised the Bill as drastic, reactionary and revolutionary.

NO NOMINATED VICE-CHANCELLOR

Nawabzada Liaat Ali pointed out that Government had taken eight months to prepare the Bill after the Court of the Delhi University had agreed to the three-year degree course.

Mr. Amarendranath Chattopadhyaya supported circulation.

The debate was then adjourned till tomorrow.—A.P.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE VICEROY'S WAR PURPOSES FUND

BANKER'S ORDER

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(Address)

To debit of my account please pay to the AGENT, IMPERIAL BANK (PLACE)

Joint Honorary Treasurers,
His Excellency the Viceroy's
War Purposes Fund, Auditor
General's Office, New Delhi.

on the (date) } of each month / quarterly / half-yearly / yearly

as my non-recurring / recurring contribution towards His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund. (particular objects may be specified)

Signature

Address

Dated 194

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

Although Mr. Amery has not been noted in the past for any too obvious a tendency to conciliate Indian opinion, it will be conceded by all impartial witnesses that he spoke sound wisdom in his address during the Commons debate on India yesterday.

—Anglo-India.

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Here are some highlights of the Commons debate on India:—

(1) Mr. Leopold S. Amery very naturally refused to change his spots, but spotted the rather interesting fact that the Hindu Mahasabha and the Muslim League constitute the two extremes of India politics and blessed them both.

(2) Mr. Attlee the Deputy Prime Minister, woked up like Rip van Winkle to appeal for assistance to the late G. K. Gokhale among the "real democrats" of the day who, incidentally, include a Congress leader in jail and THE real democrat, Mr. M. A. Jinnah.

(3) The speech of the Conservative M. P. who just back from the U.S.A. said that India was the biggest subject of difference between American public opinion and Britain.

(4) Members murmured approval"—with an anxious eye on the Treasury Bench—of a Labour M.P.'s plea not to stir up ill-will in India—after the Leopard has duly and authoritatively roared.

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Sir George Schuster loves that "as a political leader Mr. Gan was a complete disaster to his party, to and the world."

The world of Sir George Schuster in which of course, he incorporat Gandhiji's party and country, too.

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We are told authoritaly as also officiously that Sir John Colv is deeply interested in rural matters.

And we recall, with itable misgivings, that some seven years ag fellow-Scotsman came out to India with clar interests giving practical expression to them through presentation of stud bull.

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Mr. A. K. Fazlul Husays a Calcutta message, again saw the vernor on Tuesday afternoon.

The ex-Premier hasn't reported what more happened to him.

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"So far in all the cerences we have held with other members the United Nations, we are about 95 pent together."—President Roosevelt.

This could also be put : So far..... we are at least 5 per cent apart.

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The President also st that he and Mr. Eden "were in clearreement."

As to the fate of the Asic Charter, too?

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"You say you served France?" said the restaurant manager, he sampled the new cook's first soup.

"Ay, sir. Officer's cook two years an' wounded twice."

"You're lucky. It's a der they didn't kill you."

Soap Price Again

You very kindly publi my letter re. Soap Prices in your issu the 25th instant. As a sequel to th was invited by the Sales Manager of Hafas for discussion. He plainly admi that there was reckless profiteering goin in their products. I put forth sonuggestions but nothing tangible came o I deeply regret to note that a suggestion oper opening a fair-price depot of their owas turned down on the plea that their pnt dealers would not approve of this ac and that after the war they would retai in their products. I pleaded that, ong as there were merits, they were bound remain in constant demand—War or War. The long and short of it is that sumers would continue to be at the merof the profiteers.

A. G. DATAR.

26 Mangalwadi, Darjilhar. Bombay 4.

Wheat For 'ass Over

Mr. B. F. Bharucha writes:—

The Holy Pass-over one Jews is fast approaching. Jews in Catta have got the requisite wheat for paring their sacred bread. The Jews in y Army have also got their quota, it is said.

Now, when wheat is allable in Bombay, why are the Bombay ews tantalised and put off? Is there anyanity or humanity about it? Let the Controller act early.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (July)

New York, March 31.

Previous closing	20.17
To-day's opening	20.17
Difference	nil.
To-day's closing	20.21
Difference	+04

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
Previous closing 4.03

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
To-day's opening and closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON MARKETS

GOLD AND SILVER
London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0
Spot and Forward 23 1/2d.

CROSS RATES
London on Bombay 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-6 31/32 buyers.
New York on Bombay (30.37) 30.37

DISCOUNTS.
3 months 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent.
6 months 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

SEEDS
Castorseeds Bombay March/April £36
Linseed Calcutta March/April £26
Groundnut Coromandal March/April East Coast Indian shipment £36. West Coast Indian shipment £35.

METALS.
Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 31.

The London Stock Exchange was quiet today.

LOANS

3 per cent Australian Commonwealth £102 1/16; 2 1/2 per cent British Consols £82 1/8; 3 per cent Conversion Loan £106 1/4; 3 per cent Conversion Loan £100 9/16; 4 per cent War Loan £114 1/8; 3 1/2 per cent War Loan £105; 3 1/2 per cent War Loan £101 5/16; 4 per cent Victory Bonds £114 1/8.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

For the week ended the 26th day of March.

Issue Department.	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	11,53,22,000
Notes in circulation	643,58,07,000
Total Notes issued	655,11,29,000
ASSETS:	
A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
(a) Held in India	44,41,43,000
Sterling Securities	421,71,23,000
B. Rupee Coin	14,50,95,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	174,47,68,000
Total Assets	655,11,29,000

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Copper sheets lb 21 Rs. 290; 28 265; 35 246; 42 232; 49-56 228.
Brass sheets Flag Brand lb 20-21 Rs. 230; 26 205; 28 200; 35 186; 42 183; 49-56 185

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, March 31.

BULLION:—Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York. London spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d. and New York spot silver was quoted at 44 3/4 cents. The local market was very steady to-day on declaration of Bengal as raid area. There was increased buying and silver advanced to Rs. 110/2 but realising appeared and prices reacted to Rs. 109/13; Gold was also steady with a moderate turnover. Closing quotations, Silver ready Rs. 111/8, Chaitra Rs. 110/10, gold ready Rs. 71/11, Chaitra Rs. 71/6.

COTTON:—The local cotton market continues unsettled with professional speculative activity. The market opinion is divided at present pending clarification of Delhi developments. Bear operators have made the most of the control threat and cotton on its own merits is considered a purchase around present level. However bulls have lost confidence and the market is now consolidating position. The market was influenced by Calcutta advices, and there was moderate selling which resulted in a sharp decline of about Rs. 10 in prices but the market was supported by covering. At the opening May was quoted at Rs. 526 and improved to Rs 528 but under increased selling prices declined to Rs. 521. At this level the market found good support and prices rallied to Rs. 529. Prices reacted to Rs. 526 but with renewed buying advanced to Rs. 532. Owing to the death of a Broker the market closed at 3 p.m. May was Rs. 530/8 and July was Rs. 537.

SHARES:—The general sentiment on the Stock Exchange remains hesitant and while there appears moderate demand on declines but the buying urge is restricted and the market continues narrow: It is true that buyers of textile shares looked upon higher dividends and now there is a threat to restrict dividends. This means destroying buying capacity. But the main investment support comes from plethora of funds and currency expansion. The market is naturally inclined to await further developments and the market remains in a trading range with a disposition to pocket profits as they accrue on either side.

The Wall Street market again opened strong yesterday and rails and industrials touched new high levels with occasional realising. The market was influenced by war news, investment demand and inflation psychology. Later on there was some switching to utilities and the market was irregular.

Tata Steel Dfds opened at Rs. 1795 and after declining to Rs. 1790 improved to Rs. 1822, Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 370 and hardened to Rs. 375, Century shares opened at Rs. 760 and advanced to Rs. 774, Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1880 and looked up to Rs 1910, Associated Cements were steady at Rs. 222 and Simplex Mill shares after opening at Rs. 301 rose to Rs. 310. Tone was steady with a moderate turnover.

TEXTILE: Ahmedabad Advance 475; Bharat Mills 86/8; Bom. Dyeing 1925; Cent. India 474; Century 782; Colaba Land 247; Dawn 1340; Ed. Sassoon Ordy 18/12; Ed. Sassoon Defd. 3/12; Edward Sassoon 440; Elphinstone 91; Finlay 354; Gokak 384; Hindustan 4140; Ind. Manfg. 4240; Ind. Bleaching 250; Indore Malwa 1230; Khatau 462/8; Kohinoor 754; Lakshmi 1385; Madhowji 27; Minerva 205; Model Nagpur 350; Madhusudan 617/8; Meyer Sassoon 171/4; Morarji 1140; Mysore 268/12; New Great 428; Phoenix 860; Podar Mills 347/8; Sassoon Silk 110; Sholapur 10300; Shri Nivas 465; Simplex 313/8; Svadeshi 597! Swan 365; Tata Mills 60; Vishnu 2440; Western India 3550.

INSURANCE: Bom. Life 162/8; Empire Life 695; Indian Standard 34; Ind. Mercantile 74; Jupiter 18; New India 71. Oriental 4650; Vulcan 13/12.

HYDRO AND ELEC: Ahmedabad 195; Ajmere 14/4 And. Valley Ordy 1812/8; Bom. Tram 18 Ordinary 149/8; Bombay Suburban 185; Broach 13/8; Karachi 251/8; Poona 257/4; Surat 191; Surat New Rs. 50/Pd. 70; Tata Hydro Ordy 191; Tata Power Ordy 1750

BANK: Baroda Bank 126/4; Bank of India 166; Central Bank xd. 60/4; Imperial Bank F.P. 1750; Imperial Bank F.P. 432/8; Reserve 109: Union xd 7/14

RAILWAYS: Ahmedabad Prantej 870; Cent. Prov 108; Dhond Baramati 105; Gujerat 102; Hoshiarpur Doab 106; Mandra Bhon 106; Mymensing Rebate 104; Mymensing Gtd. 107; Panchora Jamner 100; Sara Sirajganj 104/8; Sialkot Narowal 115; Sialkot New 48; Upper Sind Light 115.

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SEEDS:—The Seeds market was fairly firm with active buying in Groundnuts. Ready Khandesh quality is in demand at one rupee under forward and boldare at a discount Rs. 2. Groundnuts May opened at Rs. 95/6 and advanced to Rs. 96/14 and later reacted to Rs. 96/6. Castorseeds were neglected at Rs. 92/8 and Linseed May was done at Rs 10-9-9. Later on the market was very steady. Closing quotations. Groundnuts May opening Rs. 95/9, highest Rs. 97/5, lowest 95/5, close Rs. 97/2. Castorseeds May opening Rs. 92, highest Rs. 92/8, close Rs. 92/4.

Settlement Rates:—
Copper sheets Chaiter Rs. 244;
Ashad Rs. 248-8-0 Tejimandi Re. 8.
Market Tone:—Steady.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Bombay, March 31.

On Tuesday the New York cotton market was quietly steady. There was small persistent trade fixing and scattered buying in anticipation of an upward revision of the Mid-March parity prices with sellers cautious pending further Washington developments. July opened unchanged at 20.14 and advanced to 20.21. The market closed at a net rise of 9 to 3 points. New Orleans prices also gained 2 to 5 points.

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, March 30.

May	20.37+09
July	20.17+03
October	19.98+04
December	19.94+04
January	19.92+04
March	19.88+04
Middling spot	22.19

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

May	20.54+05
July	20.49+05
October	20.28+03
Middling spot	21.09

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, March 30

T T London on: New York sellers 4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2; Madrid official 40.5; Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47; Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4; Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95.

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, March 31

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 Loan 99/2; 3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 94; 3 per cent 1949/52 Loan 100/7; 3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 99/14; 3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 103/14; 3 per cent 1963/65 95/8; 4 per cent 1943 Bonds 101/12; 4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 110/7; 4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 114/2; 3 per cent 1946 Def Loan 102/15.

Tax Free Loans: 6 per cent 1945/55 Loan 108/2; 4 per cent 1963/65 Mysore 117; 5 per cent 1955 Mysore 128/8.

Corporation Debentures: 4 per cent B P T 1974 109; 4 per cent M Deb 1974 109/12; 5 per cent M Deb 1969 118; 5 per cent M Deb 1954 128; 6 per cent K P T 1956 128; Tone:

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 30.

With the news from Tunisia continuing good the stock markets again presented a firm appearance though business was on a small scale. South African gold mines again came in for Cape and local support and some useful gains were recorded while diamonds also strengthened. De Beers gaining five shillings. Among oils ultramar were again outstanding rising 2 shillings to 45 shillings. Internationals displayed a firm appearance reflecting the firmness of overnight New York.

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THE VICEROY'S WAR PURPOSES FUND

MARCH 31.

The Viceroy's War Purposes Fund has now reached a figure of Rs. 8,03,48,509. His Excellency gratefully acknowledges this splendid voluntary effort. The position of the Fund on February 28, 1943, was:—

	RS. (LAKHS)
Total Payments	651.88
Sums earmarked and awaiting payment	78.75
Free Balance	72.86
GRAND TOTAL	803.49

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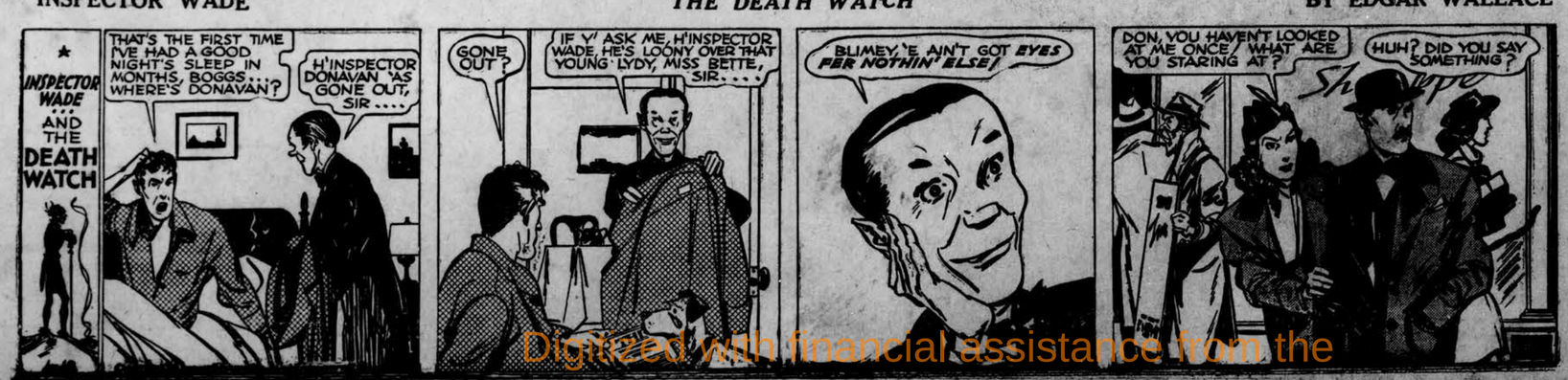
INSPECTOR WADE ... AND THE DEATH WATCH
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE HAD A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP IN MONTHS, BOGGS... WHERE'S DONAVAN?
H'INSPECTOR DONAVAN 'AS GONE OUT, SIR....
GONE OUT?
IF Y' ASK ME, H'INSPECTOR WADE, HE'S LOONY OVER THAT YOUNG LYDY, MISS BETTE, SIR...
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The TRANSFER BOOKS are closed from the 1st April to 21st April, 1943, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
M. R. BHARUCHA,
Secretary.

Bombay, 31st March, 1943.

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M. R. KOTHANDARAMAN,
Asst. to the Government of India.

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BURMA GOVERNMENT

COPIES of the Burma Civil List corrected up to the 1st March 1943 can be obtained from the Premier's Secretary, Burma Secretariat, 12, Hotel Desoteros, Simla, at Rs. 2-8-0 a copy. Applications should be made as soon as possible as only a limited number of copies are available. Payments should be made by money order only.

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NOTICE

THE BANK OF BARODA, LTD.
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W. G. GROUNDWATER,
General Manager.

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Public Notice

NOTICE

UNDER SECTIONS 80 & 81 OF THE BOMBAY MUNICIPAL BOROUGHS ACT, 1925.

THE ASSESSMENT LIST of the Parle-Andheri Borough Municipality for the year 1943-44 has been completed and kept open for inspection during office hours at the Municipal Office, at Gazder Hall, Andheri.

Every person claiming to be either owner or occupier of property included in the List, and any agent of such person, shall be at liberty to inspect the list and to make extracts therefrom without charge.

ALL objections to the valuation and assessment shall be made to the Standing Committee by application in writing stating the grounds on which the valuation or assessment is disputed on or before the 15th May 1943.

M. B. SCREWVALA,
Chief Officer,
Parle-Andheri Borough Municipality.

Municipal Office,
Gazder Hall, Andheri,
Dated 30th March 1943.

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Public Notice

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G. I. P. RLY. Rate Circulars

A NEW RATE CIRCULAR viz., Foreign Rate Circular No. 2 (Goods & Coaching) of 1943 is being issued to-day.

Particulars may be obtained from the Chief Traffic Manager, Bombay, or Stations.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DHUNJISHAW CAWASJI NAZIR and others have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person having any claim or interest in or to the said property by way of sale, mortgage, trust, lien, possession, gift, inheritance, lease or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 14, Hummum Street, Fort, Bombay, and to the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as having been waived.

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Bombay, dated 30th March, 1943.

JEHANGIR GULABBHAI,
& BILIMORIA,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(3979)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. N. B. KALE has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person having any claim or interest in or to the said property by way of sale, mortgage, trust, lien, possession, gift, inheritance, lease, or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Jehangir Wadia Building Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, and to the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any rgard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of leasehold land of ground known as Plot No. 145, Shivaji Park Scheme, Mahim Estate of the Municipal Corporation with the messuage tenement or dwelling house, situate lying and being at Cadell Road, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay in the City and Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 557 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Cadastral Survey No. 1854 Mahim Division and in the books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "G" Ward Nos. 4837 (1E and 1EA) and Street Nos. 166 (AE and AB) Cadell Road, and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by a 60 feet road, on or towards the West by plot No. 147 bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1856, on or towards the North by a Public Road and on or towards the South by Plot No. 144 bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1853 of the Mahim Division.

Dated this 30th day of March, 1943.

MULLA & MULLA,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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Legal Notices

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. EBRAHIM IMAMUDIN, of Bombay Mahomedan Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

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Parsi: Meher 29, 1312
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Hightide: 9-03, 21-32. Lowtide: 3-20, 16-12.

DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

LATE MR. SATYAMURTI: Public meeting, to-day at 9 p.m. at Asthika Samaj Hall. Mr. Bhulabhai Desai to preside and Mr. S. A. Brelvi, Dr. G. V. Deshmukh and other prominent leaders to speak.

FILM ARTISTES' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA'S TRIBUTE TO SATYAMURTI: The general body of the Film Artistes' Association of India met at Mr. Sohrab Modi's residence and resolved to send a message of condolence and sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Satyamurti.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS' UNION: At St. Xavier's College, 6-15 p.m. "Philosophical Solution" by Rev. M. Balaguer.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS, MATUNGA: Public study class on "Psychic Laws, Forces and Phenomena" 8-15 p.m. at Putla House, Bhau Daji Road, Matunga.

ON CIVIL DEFENCE AND FIRE FIGHTING in B.E.S.T. Conference Room, Electric House, Colaba Causeway, 6-30 p.m.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT: Public meeting, 6-30 p.m at Hattersley Mills Compound, Ghatkopar, Lady Beaumont to preside. Beram N. Karanjia, Director, National War Front Ghatkopar Division and others to speak.

MAZDAZNAN: Exercises, 8 to 9 a.m Exercises at 6-15 p.m. "Fasting" Course (continued) by Mother Gloria (Mrs. Clarence Gasque), 7-15 to 8-30 p.m., at Industrial Assurance Building, Eros Circle to-day (Thursday).

MILL GIN STORE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION: The annual meeting of the above Association held on Monday last, elected for the current year: Seth Vadilal Mansukhram Parekh, President; Seth Manilal Mokamchand Shah, Vice-President; Seth Babarbhai L. Randeri Treasurer; Seth Muljibhai P. Shah and Seth Harilal S. Shah, Secretaries.

PRARTHANA SAMAJ ANNIVERSARY: Bhajan at 7-30 a.m. Divine Service by Mr. B. B. Korgamkar and at 6-30 p.m. Divine Service by Dr. Kashibai Nowrange.

WARDHA RASHTRABHASHA EXAMINATIONS RESULTS: The Rashtrabhasha Pracnar examinations of the Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti, Wardha, were held in February last, for which 32,005 candidates had applied. The results of the same can be had from the Bombay Province Hindi Prachar Sabha premises, (Adenwala Mansion, Chowpatty Sea Face, Adjacent to Wilson College) or from the respective examination centres on the 1st of April. The following are successful candidates at the degree examination "Rashtrabhasha Kovid" (Bombay Centre).

First Class: 535.
Second Class: 501 503 517 519 537 547 684 694
Pass Class 496 521 525 527 528 529 530 531 532 533 534 539 540 542 543 546 681 682 690 697.

The total number of candidates who appeared from Bombay is 2,560.

SHRI RAMA NAVAMI FESTIVAL: Celebration at Shree Sadanand Ashram, Talmakiwadi, Tardeo Road, from 5-4-43 to 15-4-43.

IN AID OF THE BIJAPUR DISTRICT FAMINE RELIEF FUND: The "Saraswati Amateurs" will stage a drama entitled "Sangeet Talikote" in Kannada at the Victoria Theatre (now known as 'Hurricane Talkies') on Sunday, the 4th April, 1943, at 9-30 a.m. (N.S.T.). Justice Lokur, will preside.

ORIENTAL'S RECORD FOR 1942: The amount of New Life Assurance Business written by the Oriental Government Security Life Assurance Co., Ltd. last year was as follows:—36,713 policies assuring Rs. 9,51,27,864. This represents an increase of Rs. 1,35,08,139 in the sum assured over the figure for the year 1941.

ANTI-GANDHI TIRADE IN COMMONS

LONDON, March 30.

The debate on India in the Commons to-day following Mr. Amery's statement was opened by Mr. Ammon (Labour).

Mr. Ammon said that the Labour Party condemned the attempt to organise Civil Disobedience at this time.

After a tribute to Mr. Amery's "undoubted sympathy" for India Mr. Ammon criticised the recent White Paper declaring that no good purpose could be served by harping back to past mistakes.

The rejection of the Cripps proposals might have resulted from the difficulties in which Britain and the Allied Nations then found themselves.

With the war situation brightening further discussions might be possible. We should take the initiative.

Mr. Churchill broadcasting recently suggested the formation of a Council of Asia. "There is a beginning. The door is slightly ajar. India and China in a Council of Asia could take the leadership of the entire Far East."

Disaster To India

Sir George Schuster (Liberal) said:—

"As a political leader Mr. Gandhi was a complete disaster to his party, to his country and the world. It was impossible to deal with him after the statements he had made.

I feel bound to make clear that there is at present no possibility of negotiating with the Congress no possibility of reaching a settlement during the war by any political concessions and little possibility of doing anything with the Congress as long as Mr. Gandhi decides their policy." The Government will have my support in continuing the attitude they have adopted The Congress must take part in any final settlement but must be reasonable."

Mr. Ridley (Labour) said that there must be reciprocity between India and Britain and he was pessimistic about reciprocity from the Congress.

But certain leaders of Indian opinion were endeavouring to find a basis for agreement.

He suggested that Government should state that the Cripps offer still stood and he thought that conversations would be more helpful if conducted in London with Mr Amery or Mr. Churchill.

URDU JOURNALIST PASSES AWAY

HYDERABAD (Dn.), March 31.

The death occurred last night of Maulvi Akbarali, Editor and Proprietor of the "Sahifa", an Urdu daily.—A. P

SIND TO CONTRIBUTE RS. 25,000 TO SAVARKAR PURSE FUND

The Sind Provincial Hindu Mahasabha has decided to make a contribution of Rs. 25,000 to the purse which is to be presented by his admirers to Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, on his 61st birthday which falls on 28th May.

"Investment and Finance" is a new progressive weekly journal devoted to financial and economic matters. It is edited by Mr. A. M. Bahl and published at New Delhi.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

Due exigencies war now decided Half Column appear in cabalese for duration. Alternative would be reducing it to pill which hardly satisfactory breakfast time hence this innovation which hope meets approval readers.

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Think we getting little tired Americans coming Indiawards giving us once-over and reporting to their President without our knowing what they said Grady report was unpublished by Government India. Now Phillips expresses opinion he unsure whether his report would be published. Indians regard this most unsatisfactory. Makes us feel like specimens watched through microscope. America must change attitude Indiawards if all the utterances on freedom and war aims have any meaning.

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Many happy returns of day to Indian Air Force which celebrates tenth anniversary. Lack of any countrywide celebration most deplorable. Our young fighting men on whom perhaps future may depend should have been feted better than by insertion of advertisements in local press and handful of broadcasts over radio. Regard this omission on part departments publicity and propaganda as loss of valuable opportunity. Decades don't recur often and general feeling is that Governments call to youth of nation most feeble. Have to repeat time and time again that appeal must be directed heartwards instead of stomachwards as being done now. But experts sitting soft chairs Delhi apparently think otherwise.

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Happy returns also ex-friend Homi Mehta who strangely enough born April First according local Who's Who. Hope old boy gets stronger like Half Column!

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Fellow journalist Hotspur innocently writes regarding Highness Gwalior quote ste duties necessitated departure of young prince etcetra etcetra unquote Half Column also cheers sudden realisation of sporting prince that subjects also need care as horses.

AGA KHAN HOCKEY

Alcock Ashdowns Trounced

A slaughter of the innocents—that is how yesterday's Aga Khan encounter between the G. I. P. and Alcock Ashdown can best be described. There was no "match" in the affair at all, the Railwaymen winning as they liked by nine love, though they could easily have doubled this figure had they so desired.

The goal-getters for the G. I. P. were Munir five, Hakim two and Bocarro two.

TO-DAY'S GAME—6 P.M.
B. B and C. I. v. Anza Old Boys.

Government Telephone Board Succeeds On Appeal

(Before the Hon the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Kania)

The Government Telephones Board Ltd. ..... Appellants
Versus
Hormusji Maneckji Seervai and Others ..... Respondents
(Original Petitioners)

The petitioners are dissenting shareholders of the Bombay Telephone Co. Ltd., who refused to accept the offer of the Government Telephones Board Ltd., a company specially formed for the purpose, to purchase their shares at Rs. 89-15 per share. The petitioners filed this petition under Section 153 B of the Indian Companies Act for a declaration that the Board was not entitled to acquire their shares and that the Board should be directed to pay Rs. 134 per share.

Their Lordships on appeal reversed the decision of the trial judge on the ground that by merely criticising in their details the valuation reports of the experts of the Government and of the Telephone Company the petitioners had not in the absence of fraud or misrepresentation which was not alleged, established that the Board's offer was not fair and reasonable. His Lordship Mr. Justice Kania stated that it was open to the petitioners to have led positive expert evidence of their own to discharge this burden of proof but that they had not done so. Their Lordships, therefore, allowed the appeal but made no order as to costs through out in view of the fact that apart from the English case of In re. Hoare (150 L.T. 374) this was the first case on Section 153 B of the Companies Act.

Mr. F. J. Coltman and Mr M. C. Setalvad instructed by Messrs. Crawford Bayley and Co. appeared for the Appellant-Board.

Mr. H. M. Seervai instructed by Messrs. Merwanji Kola and Co. appeared for respondents 1 to 24.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga instructed by Messrs. Crawford Bayley and Co. appeared for respondent 25 (the Bombay Telephone Co. Ltd.).

Corporation's Condolence For Satyamurti's Death

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A meeting of the Municipal Corporation was called on Wednesday to pass the resolution of condolence for the untimely death of Mr. S. Satyamurthi who died in Madras on the 28th March.

Dr. J. A. Collaco presided and referred to the death of Mr. Satyamurthi who was a front rank politician in the country and a champion of the rights and privileges of his countrymen.

Mr. M G. Kapadia then moved the condolence resolution which was seconded by Mr. S S Mirajkar and supported by Dr. S. P. Mehta and Raja Bahadur Shivlal Motilal. The resolution was carried standing as a mark of respect. The house then adjourned till Friday when Mayoral election will take place.

Turf Club Secretary Arrested

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Major C. C. Gulliland, Secretary of the Royal Western India Turf Club was arrested yesterday under the D.I.R. for storing in the premises of the Club 72 bags of rice, 450 bags of Barley and 355 bags of wheat bran and no declaration had been made.

He was produced to-day before Mr. K. J. Khandalawalla, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court, who ordered him to have bail for 14 days.

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